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## Scidera, Inc. Acquires MMI Genomics' Davis Operations and All Associated IP

### ***Scidera - The Guiding Star of Genomics***

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Scidera, Inc. closed on its acquisition of MMI Genomics, Inc (MMIG) and all associated IP on March 18, 2011. MMIG will assume the name of Scidera, Inc. and will continue to operate in the same facilities with the same staff.

“This acquisition is a great investment for our company, the employees and the Davis, California community,” said Chris Paxos, President and CEO of Scidera. “Scidera is well-funded and its current DNA testing services generate attractive returns. We are investing in the operations and look forward to working with the employees to ensure the business meets the highest standards for accuracy, customer stewardship and safety. We are well positioned not only to improve the lab, but also to maximize its growth and profitability. Scidera’s new acquisition is unmatched in genomics research, services and industry expertise gained over the past 20 years. We have deep IP that makes a difference in the world.”

### **Company Overview:**

Scidera develops tools, technologies, and products for livestock and companion animal health and productivity. The company offers products used in livestock sectors, including cattle, swine, poultry, and aquaculture and serves breeders, veterinarians, pet food companies and pet owners. Scidera’s solutions include:

- BREED TRU Products determine the genetic potential of animals which are then ranked, sorted, managed and marketed for these trait tests:
  - TRU-Parentage, determines pedigrees of cattle and dogs
  - TRU-Polled, determines whether an animal carries 0, 1 or 2 copies of the horned/polled gene
  - TRU-CoatColor, determines the genetics of coat color for the tested animal
  - TRU-Marbling, determines marbling potential
  - TRU-Tenderness, determines tenderness potential
  - TRU-Finish, uses both marbling and tenderness tests
  - TRU-Gain, predicts the potential for average daily gain
- Myostatin, determines 0, 1 or 2 copy state of the double muscling gene in beef cattle
- Genetic Defect Tests, which help manage carriers of deleterious genes in the population
- Canine Heritage Breed Test, provides scientific insight into breed composition of mixed breed dogs

Scidera's product pipeline is targeted to revolutionize the livestock industries by helping breeders, producers and processors gain competitive advantages in the global marketplace by becoming low-input producers using environmentally friendly solutions. These innovative products will dramatically improve breeds and provide powerful methods to select superior animals for feedlot management and certification of meat quality by means of:

- reducing production costs
- enhancing yield
- improving safety and nutritional value
- enhancing product uniformity and quality

Likewise, the development of genomics-based products in the companion animal industries will provide breeders, veterinarians, pet food companies and pet owners with tools to diagnose and treat animals that are susceptible to genetic disorders, assuring a longer and healthier life for these animals.

**Discovery Programs:**

Scidera's livestock discovery programs, assets and computational capabilities, combined with Scidera's experienced research and development team, positions Scidera as a world-leader for systematic and accelerated discovery of new genes and gene products. Scidera is using whole genome association studies to map genes that define production traits, disease resistance, and other commercially important characteristics in livestock species.

Scidera is currently involved in a number of gene mapping and gene discovery research programs. These will lead to a new generation of diagnostic tools to dramatically improve breeding and selection of superior animals, management of individual animals based on genetic potential, and certification of meat products that fit specific consumer demands.

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